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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

United States Patent and Trademark
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in its capacity as elected Office

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 29 March 1999 (29.03.99)	
International application No. PCT/US98/14895	Applicant's or agent's file reference
International filing date (day/month/year) 15 July 1998 (15.07.98)	Priority date (day/month/year) 15 July 1997 (15.07.97)
Applicant HAVKIN-FRENKEL, Daphna et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

05 February 1999 (05.02.99)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was

☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35	Authorized officer Christelle Croci Telephone No.: (41-22) 338.83.38
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference NONE	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US98/14895	International filing date (day/month/year) 15 JULY 1998	Priority date (day/month/year) 15 JULY 1997
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC Please See Supplemental Sheet.		
Applicant DAVID MICHAEL & CO., INC.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets.
- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
- These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 05 FEBRUARY 1999	Date of completion of this report 13 OCTOBER 1999
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/US Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231 Facsimile No. (703) 305-3230	Authorized officer THOMAS HAAS Telephone No. (703) 308-0196 JOYCE BRIDGERS PARALEGAL SPECIALIST CHEMICAL MATRIX <i>JAB</i>

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US98/14895

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments):*

☒ the international application as originally filed.

☒ the description, pages 1-45, as originally filed.

pages NONE, filed with the demand.

pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

☒ the claims, Nos. 1-30, as originally filed.

Nos. NONE, as amended under Article 19.

Nos. NONE, filed with the demand.

Nos. NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.

☒ the drawings, sheets/fig 1-3, as originally filed.

sheets/fig NONE, filed with the demand.

sheets/fig NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☒ the description, pages NONE.

☒ the claims, Nos. NONE.

☒ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE.

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the ~~Supplemental Box~~ Additional observations below (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

NONE

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-30</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-30</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-30</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-30 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed method for improving vanillin production in cultured *Vanillin planifolia*. In particular, the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest supplementing *Vanillin planifolia* tissue culture media with malic acid, 3,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde, citric acid, pyruvic acid, oxaloacetic acid, succinic acid, glycosylated lysozyme or any combination thereof.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----
NONE

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: Boxes I - VIII

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CLASSIFICATION:

The International Patent Classification (IPC) and/or the National classification are as listed below:
IPC(6): C12N 5/00, 5/14, 15/05, 15/29; A01H 1/00, 3/00, 4/00, 5/00 and US Cl.: 435/41, 410, 419, 420, 431, 468;
800/298, 278

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US98/14895

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(6) : C12N 5/00, 5/14, 15/05, 15/29; A01H 1/00, 3/00, 4/00, 5/00

US CL : 435/41, 410, 419, 420, 431, 468; 800/298, 278

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 435/41, 410, 419, 420, 431, 468; 800/298, 278

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

Please See Extra Sheet.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	FUNK et al. Phenylpropanoid Metabolism in Suspension Cultures of Vanilla planifolia Andr. II. Effects of Precursor Feeding and Metabolic Inhibitors. Plant Physiol. 1990, Vol. 94, pages 95-101, entire document.	1-16
Y	FUNK et al. Phenylpropanoid metabolism in Suspension Cultures of Vanilla planifolia Andr. III. Conversion of 4-Methoxycinnamic Acids into 4-Hydroxybenzoic Acids. Plant Physiol. 1990, Vol. 94, pages 102-108, entire document.	1-16
Y	US 5,279,950 A (LABUDA et al) 18 January 1994, columns 1-4.	1-16
Y	US 5,057,424 A (KNUTH et al) 15 October 1991, entire document.	1-16



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.



See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:	*T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
A document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	*X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
E earlier document published on or after the international filing date	*Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
L document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	*A* document member of the same patent family
O document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	
P document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	

Date of the actual completion of the international search

10 DECEMBER 1998

Date of mailing of the international search report

11 DEC 1998

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Electronic data bases consulted (Name of data base and where practicable terms used):

APS, MEDLINE, CABA, CAPLUS, GENBANK, BIOSIS, SCISEARCH

search terms: vanilla, vanillin, vanilla planifolia, cell culture, phenylpropanoid, vanillyl alcohol dehydrogenase, hydroxybenzaldehyde, transformation, agrobacterium, microprojectile, electroporation.

TENT. COOPERATION TRE

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 28 January 1999 (28.01.99)		IMPORTANT NOTICE	
Applicant's or agent's file reference			
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Applicant DAVID MICHAEL & CO., INC. et al			

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:
AU, BR, CA, CN, EP, IL, JP, KP, KR, US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:
AL, AM, AP, AT, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BY, CH, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EA, EE, ES, FI, GB, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IS, KE, KG, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, OA, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, UA, UG, UZ, VN, YU, ZW
The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).
3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 28 January 1999 (28.01.99) under No. WO 99/03975

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the national phase, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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